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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Argentina, Bahamas*, Bangladesh, Bolivia*, Brazil, Costa Rica*, Dominican Republic*, Ecuador, El Salvador*, Guatemala*, Honduras*, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands*, Nicaragua*, Paraguay*, Peru, Romania, Spain, Suriname, Tunisia*, Turkey, Uruguay*, Venezuela* and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/24 of 30 May 1991 in which it took note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its eleventh session, 1/

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/99 of 16 December 1991 in which the Assembly took note of the report of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its activities, 2/

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its twelfth session, 3/

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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2/ A/46/325, annex.

3/ E/1992/18.

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Reaffirming the specific and unique role of the Institute in the areas of research and training that would lead to the systematic inclusion of women in mainstream development programmes and projects,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twelfth session and the decisions contained therein; 3/

2. Expresses its appreciation for the successful implementation of the programmes of the Institute, particularly activities on improving statistics to yield better descriptive data on the situation of women relative to that of men, including elderly women and women in the informal sector; women, the environment and sustainable development; assessing and developing appropriate communication materials on women and development; rural women and credit; and monitoring and evaluation methodologies for programmes and projects on women and development;

3. Takes note of the programme budget of the Institute for the biennium 1992-1993, approved by the Board of Trustees at its twelfth session, and the commencement of work in the areas of appraisal and evaluation of development strategies and programmes for the maximum impact on women and the long-term research project on methods for the measurement of the value of women's work, including that in the informal sector;

4. Commends the sustained efforts made by the Institute to further enhance its linkages with other United Nations organizations, regional commissions, governmental and non-governmental organizations, research institutions and other organizations and groups with similar interests in developing projects for the advancement of women;

5. Reaffirms the catalytic and advocatory role of the Institute in facilitating the inclusion of women as partners in development through research, training and information activities on issues affecting women and development;

6. Recommends, in view of the increase in research and training being done in the general areas of women and development, that the Institute concentrate on the identification of barriers to improvements in the status of women and the development of tools for the removal of those persistent obstacles to progress;

7. Calls upon States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute through voluntary contributions and pledges to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus enabling the Institute to continue to respond effectively to its mandate.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Benin, Bolivia*, Chile, Costa Rica*, Côte d'Ivoire*, Ecuador, Guatemala*, Honduras*, Lebanon*, Lesotho*, Malawi*, Mongolia*, Morocco, Nicaragua*, Philippines, Poland, Togo and Viet Nam*: draft resolution

The role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/58 of 8 December 1989, particularly paragraph 4, which requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends, 1/

Recognizing the importance of the policy-oriented research being undertaken by the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs concerning the relevance of cooperatives to the achievement of the social policy objectives set forth in the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the

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Near Future, in respect to the execution of which it acts as focal point within the United Nations system,

Bearing in mind that 1995 will mark the centenary of the establishment of the International Cooperative Alliance,

Noting with satisfaction the important recommendations of the report directed towards ensuring the best possible means of dealing with the issue of cooperatives in the light of their broad significance in contributing to the solution of major economic and social problems,

Welcoming the recommendation in paragraph 4 (a) of the report of the Secretary-General, and bearing in mind the substantial support shown by Governments and by the international cooperative movement for the idea of proclaiming an international year of cooperatives, or alternatively, an international decade of cooperatives, and of observing an international day of cooperatives,

Indicating its appreciation to government agencies, national organizations representing cooperatives, United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations, especially the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, for their valuable contribution,

1. Commends the report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends; 1/

2. Recommends that the General Assembly proclaim the year 1996 as the International Year of Cooperatives and that during 1995 an International Day of Cooperatives should be observed;

3. Encourages the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs to redouble its efforts of support and coordination in order to achieve the social policy objectives set forth in the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, in respect to the execution of which it acts as focal point within the United Nations system;

4. Invites government agencies, national organizations representing cooperatives, United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations, especially the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, to maintain and step up their programmes of support to the international cooperative movement;

5. Also invites, as the Economic and Social Council has already done in its resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972, the United Nations specialized agencies that have a substantial interest in cooperatives, especially the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, as well as other concerned international organizations of cooperatives that are not yet members of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, to become members

at an early date and to ensure its effectiveness by their contribution of appropriate resources;

6. Recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to maintain and step up the support provided by the United Nations to the programmes and objectives of the international cooperative movement and to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution, through the Economic and Social Council, to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session.